

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

June 9, 2009

First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: Jaime Tidlund, Pat Wagner, Wm Levine, and Ruth Hazzard

May 12th minutes were reviewed and revised with a vote being taken and a provisional approval going through.

Ruth gave an update on the farmer's market/BOH issues:

Ruth went to a market and talked with some farmers, who seem to be happier with the situation, they have said that things seem to be easier and that there has not been as much as a BOH presence. John Spinetti indicated that he spoke with Larry Scahffer and that everything was fine now, which was a concern of the BOH because they did not know of any such meeting.

Ruth also met with Ellen Bokina, Ephi Bodhi and David Ziomek, they also discussed some of the issues with the market, and they indicated that the rules about bean sprouts have not changed, and that most people are in compliance, and that most people have paid the required fee. There was a concern that John Spinetti wants the BOH to deal with him and that he does not communicate or relay all information to the other vendors. The BOH would like the Ag Comm to host a meeting with John Spinetti, Larry Schaffer and a few farmers as well as the BOH to better communicate and have everyone on the same page. The purpose of the meeting would be to have an interrelationship between the BOH and farmers market committee and vendors.

There is still an issue with the \$100 fee being paid by some vendors who sell processed foods, because they are essentially paying the same fee twice. The general consensus at this meeting was that the Ag Comm should write a letter to the BOH expressing their opinion on this matter.

Nothing new was discussed about the farm festival, other than the next planning meeting will be held Friday June 12th at 12 Noon at the Harp.

The next Ag Comm meeting is going to be held Tuesday July 21st at 7pm instead of July 14th

There was talk of the BOH/Farmers market meeting being held on either 7/27 or 7/28 depending on whether or not enough of the interested parties were available.